

Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

On May 24, the Judicial Branch Court Support Services Division Multicultural Affairs Unit hosted its first Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Celebration to recognize the significant contributions that people from Asia and the Pacific Islands have made to American society. The half-day event featured keynote speaker William Howe, past chair of the CT Asian Pacific American Affairs Commission, who shared with the audience the basic Asian values and the implications for service agencies. The day also included a panel, *From Their Perspective*, where representatives from three religions (Sikhism, Hinduism and Islam) shared their personal knowledge and experiences about their faith. The day concluded with artistic performances. Award-winning baritone, Chai-lun Yueh, performed Chinese folk songs and a well-known Broadway song. Kang Hua Singers of Greater Hartford performed Chinese folk songs and Dream Performing Arts performed a traditional Chinese ribbon fan dance, a long sleeve Tibetan dance and Mongolian dance.



Keynote Speaker Dr. William Howe addressing the audience





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Kang Hua Singers of Greater Hartford



Director Chai-lun Yueh, Kang Hua Singers of Greater Hartford and Dream Performing Arts, Isabel Alvarez MAU and Troy Brown Manager of CSSD MAU.



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